

Weekly Weather Crop Report

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According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 5.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending May 11, 1997. The main farming activities for the week included planting cotton, rice, sorghum, soybeans, and other crops. Cool weather is still delaying crop development in some areas; but in other areas, drier weather has been favorable for planting. Soil moisture conditions were rated 2 percent very short, 12 percent short, 73 percent adequate, and 13 percent surplus.

Progress In Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	1996	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	Planted	99	98	98	92	0	4	17	65	14
	Emerged	95	89	94	83					
Cotton	Planted	34	11	78	67	0	31	39	30	0
	Emerged	9	---	48	46					
Rice	Planted	90	84	91	80	0	0	49	51	0
	Emerged	67	39	76	63					
Sorghum	Planted	70	60	72	66	0	0	24	73	3
	Emerged	55	44	57	54					
Soybeans	Planted	36	23	56	29	0	0	17	78	5
	Emerged	23	10	35	21					
Wheat	Heading	99	99	98	95	1	3	15	74	7
	Mature	7	---	25	12					
Peanuts	Planted	9	8	67	56	0	0	7	85	8
Sweetpotatoes	Planted	10	10	12	16	0	0	1	98	1
Hay (Cool Season)	Harvested	51	20	40	19	1	4	18	69	8
Watermelons	Planted	86	83	90	83	0	3	30	55	12
Blueberries						0	2	8	52	38
Cattle						1	2	12	62	23
Pasture						1	8	30	46	15

County Agent Comments

"Cotton planting started this week with adequate moisture for quick emergence. Corn planting will be completed this week. Cool season hay harvesting should be underway very soon."

— Dalton G. Garner, Prentiss County

"This was the best week for field work since early April. Cotton planting is complete and soybean planting is going full speed. I hate to say this, but we could use a slow rain."

— Dr. Dennis B. Reginelli, Noxubee County

"Cool nights continue to keep crop progress slow. Pastures are beginning to pick up. Warmer weather is needed. Cotton and corn planting should be completed by May 20 at present rates."

— Ed Williams, Oktibbeha County

"Ryegrass hay harvests are producing high yields. Cooler than average weather continues to hold back the growth rate of summer grasses and is causing some problems with home vegetable gardens. Cattle producers have enjoyed working cattle in the cooler weather."

— Don Bales, Wilkinson County

"Drier weather has allowed cotton and peanut planting to begin in earnest. Some corn won't be planted due to lateness. Ryegrass hay is being cut and harvested at this time. Rust on Marshall ryegrass is present. Pastures are growing slowly. Some producers are planting millet."

— Lee Taylor, Forrest County

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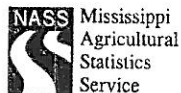
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Weather Summary From May 5, 1997 to May 11, 1997 For Mississippi

District/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Avg Pan Evap
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Avg	
1. Upper Delta													
Clarksdale	82	46	66	69	-3	0.02	-1.06	2	3.83	79	60	66	0.22
Cleveland	82	49	66			0.61		1	5.82				
Tunica	83	47	66	68	-2	0.19	-0.90	1	3.71	75	63	69	
Extreme/Average	83	46	66	69	-3	0.27	-0.82	1	4.45	79	60	68	0.22
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs	81	38	60	65	-6	0.13	-1.07	1	2.93	77	57	68	0.22
Memphis	82	50	67	69	-3	0.25	-0.76	1	4.64				
Oxford	85	40	64	66	-2	0.34	-1.18	1	3.71				
Extreme/Average	85	38	64	67	-3	0.24	-1.00	1	3.76	77	57	68	0.22
3. Northeast													
Booneville	80	44	62	66	-4	0.15	-0.99	2	3.26				
Corinth	86	42	65	68	-3	0.07	-0.82	2	2.67				
Iuka	80	35	58			0.11		2	3.02				
Pontotoc	83	42	63	67	-4	0.14	-1.01	1	7.41	81	58	70	0.24
Tupelo	81	43	63	68	-5	0.14	-1.30	1	5.04				
Verona	82	44	63			0.14		1	5.41	80	55	67	0.25
Extreme/Average	86	35	62	67	-5	0.13	-1.03	2	4.47	81	55	69	0.23
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni	85	51	68	71	-2	0.00	-0.83	0	6.89	87	63	76	
Greenwood	84	48	68	70	-3	1.00	-0.20	1	5.62				
Rolling Fork	85	47	67			0.00	-1.02	0	3.57	91	69	81	0.21
Stoneville													
Yazoo City	84	47	68	71	-3	0.00	-1.33	0	4.70				
Extreme/Average	85	47	68	71	-3	0.25	-0.85	0	5.20	91	63	79	0.21
5. Central													
Carthage	84	42	65	68	-3	0.00	-1.04	0	5.74				
Jackson	83	45	67	70	-4	0.00	-1.08	0	6.44				
Winona	79	40	63	66	-3	0.50	-0.58	1	8.00				
Extreme/Average	84	40	65	68	-3	0.17	-0.90	0	6.73				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville						0.00	-0.80	0	4.03	80	60	71	
Columbus	82	46	66			0.00		0	6.79				
State University	82	49	66	69	-3	0.00	-0.98	0	5.01	85	54	70	
Extreme/Average	82	46	66	69	-3	0.00	-0.98	0	5.90	85	54	70	
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	84	47	67			0.00		0	6.79	86	64	76	
Natchez	82	44	67	72	-5	0.00	-1.43	0	7.19				
Oakley	84	44	67			0.00	-1.18	0	9.00	85	77	82	
Vicksburg	83	50	67			0.00		0	5.63				
Extreme/Average	84	44	67	72	-5	0.00	-1.31	0	7.15	86	64	79	
8. South-Central													
Columbia	85	50	68	72	-4	0.00	-1.07	0	6.61				
McComb	84	44	67	71	-3	0.00	-1.45	0	11.37				
Extreme/Average	85	44	68	71	-4	0.00	-1.26	0	8.99				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont						0.00		0	5.43				
Hattiesburg	87	46	68	71	-3	0.00	-1.00	0	4.01				
Laurel													
Meridian	84	42	66	69	-4	0.00	-0.89	0	5.94				
Newton	84	41	65	69	-4	0.00	-0.86	0	7.82	78	56	68	0.20
Extreme/Average	87	41	66	70	-3	0.00	-0.92	0	5.80	78	56	68	0.20
10. Coastal													
Bay St Louis	84	47	67			0.30		1	3.87				
Biloxi	81	52	69			0.00		0	2.87				
Gulfport	82	50	67	73	-6	0.00	-1.04	0	2.89				
Pascagoula													
Poplarville													
Extreme/Average	84	47	68	73	-6	0.10	-0.94	0	3.21				
State	87	35	66	70	-4	0.12	-1.00	0	5.57	91	54	71	0.23

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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